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Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" In view of the seriousness of the allegations that have been made, will the Government consider the advisability of instituting an independent enquiry, apart from what the Collector himself says?"

The hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—" There is no necessity for any enquiry. Allegations have been made and they have been repudiated in the report of the District Magistrate, and all these allegations have been proved to be false."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" I find that the allegations have been made against the officers of the district. Any useful purpose cannot be served by merely calling for report from the same persons against whom the allegations are made. Will the Government therefore consider whether it is not advisable to institute an independent enquiry?"

The hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—" I do not think any independent enquiry is necessary, Sir."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—BUSINESS DURING FEBRUARY AND MARCH SITTINGS OF THE COUNCIL.

* The hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—" Mr. President, Sir, with your permission, may I mention for the information of the House that, besides the days fixed in connexion with the discussion of the Budget, the House is likely to meet for the transaction of official business on the 27th and 28th February and the 1st March, and also on the 8th and 9th March?"

Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—" May the House have some information as to what the nature of the business is that is likely to engage the House?"

* The hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—" The Local Boards Bill, the Central Land Mortgage Banks Bill and the Tolls Bill."

III.—A BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS IMPARTIBLE ESTATES ACT, 1904 (BILL No. 17 OF 1933)—A. V. BHANOJI RAO.

Clause 4.

Section 9.

The House then resumed discussion of the Bill to amend the Impartible Estates Act (Bill No. 17 of 1933). Consideration of the amendment [a] of Mr. Muniswami Nayudu to clause 4 (section 9) was continued.

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[a] *Clause* 4.

Section 9.

Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—

For clause 4 of the Bill, *substitute* the following:—

" Nothing in this Act shall affect or prejudice the rights of the creditors or of the members of the family of the person from whom the estate is acquired by exchange or purchase."